

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph starting on line 2 page 13 of the specification, as filed:

Thus, the 'port number' (referred also in RFC 2663, referred to above) is generally a session identifier at the TCP/UDP (transport protocol) level. On the other hand, the 'physical port' /interface noted above with respect to the forwarding information identifies the communication path on which the packet is to be forwarded.